

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 35, 38-43 and 46-52 will be pending in the application.

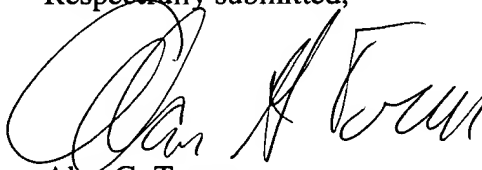
The Examiner's allowance of Claims 35, 38-42 and 50-52 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The Examiner's indication that Claims 45-49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is also acknowledged. By the present Amendment, independent Claim 43 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent Claims 44 and 45. In view of the Examiner's indication that Claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is submitted that amended Claim 43 is patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that Claims 35, 38-43 and 46-52 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in connection with this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4340 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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